



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 8

Meeting Date: May 30, 2008

Meeting Location: Vigo County DCS
30 N. 8th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47803

Council Members Present: David Uberto, Regional Manager, Region 8; Mike Baker, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Diana Thomson, Clay County FCM; Pamela Connelly, Vigo County Director; Katie Edington, Vermillion/Parke County Director; Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA, Vigo County

Council Members Absent: Hon. Paulette Stagg, Vigo County; James/Linda Scarbrough, Vigo County Foster Parent; Hon. P. J. Pierson, Sullivan; Hon. Bruce Stengel, Vermillion; Hon. Sam Swaim, Parke; Hon. Joseph Trout, Clay

Others in Attendance: Diana Newnum, Parke/Vermillion DCS Supervisor; Mike Goodwin, Sullivan County DCS Supervisor; Emily Owens, Wraparound Vigo County; Jody Horstman, Hamilton Center; Peggy Weber, ISU Department of Social Work; Nyala Bolen, Friends of Families; Heidi Wheeler, Clay/Sullivan County Director; Kent Houchins, Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village; Jon Bennett, Children's Bureau, Inc.; Robin Burke, Vigo County Supervisor, Suzy Cole, Vigo County Supervisor; Diana Joslin, Vigo County Supervisor

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:00 A.M.

Dave Uberto welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Minutes were read from the March 21, 2008 meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

1. Region 8 Personnel and Training Update

Dave reported we are fully staffed at the FCM level and have a few positions overstaffed at this time. Formulas were created statewide and because of the efforts in this county we brought on some really good people. The State realized there was a flaw in the formula, but we are able to hold on to the people we hired. We have our last cohort graduating Wednesday, June 4, 2008. We will be at 44 FCMs for Region 8. All the supervisor positions are filled, as well as the director position.

All of staff has completed teaming and engaging. We are still in the process of completing the accessing component. We have one third of the staff that has completed

the accessing component. The date is still July 1, 2008 to be in compliance with 12/17 with our staffing numbers. As of June 1, 2008, all investigations are to be completed in 30 days. It went from 90 to 45 to 30 days in the past year. It's another step to make sure we are in compliance with the 12/17 numbers. Staff has worked very hard to get ready for this date. Mike Baker reported the last case was approved this morning to get caught up for the Vigo County Intake Unit.

2. CFTM Update

We have made a lot of progress in regards to our training. As of today, we will be all trained with the exception of the cohort graduating Wednesday. We held 45 meetings in the month of April in Region 8. We are getting a lot of positive feedback from staff and families. Pam and Heidi have been attending consulting meetings the past few months.

Pam reported they are keeping staff updated on the process. There is a lot of paperwork and preparation getting all the work done before the meeting is held. People are continuing to use the feedback they get from the meetings. The State has been asking if our region has been getting things done to meet the deadline. Region 8 didn't need them to assist, because our staff did very well.

Robin said our staff is beginning to do the meetings without thought. They are not just picking easy families to staff. It is helping to put structure to the process. It has started to become second nature to do them now in the process of case work. Dave feels very good about the process we have made.

3. DCS Office Update

We had to meet in the 3rd floor conference room today since they began construction on second floor. They started on Tuesday, May 27th. We anticipate most of the staff will be on second floor, and this will be completed mid August.

Sullivan County had their open house on Wednesday, May 28th. The staff pulled together to get their new office ready for the open house. Parke and Vermillion now have office sites selected and leases have been signed. Katie won't have to deal with the construction process since they are at a different location than the DCS offices currently in those counties.

4. Community Partners Selection Update

Children's Bureau was selected for the Community Partners contract. Nyala passed around a Director's note to supervisors from Jim Payne. It is concerning information on what you need to do in order to refer clients. ***GET copy from Pam** Nyala has information concerning the service history numbers if anyone is interested. The transition would like to take place when school starts. Nyala will be the fiscal agent and they will need to hire new staff for this. Jon will meet with Nyala's staff next Tuesday. There is an ad in the paper locally. CB is looking for space in the area. Nyala's staff will be employed as the fiscal agent in the area as of right now. Jon would like to get out and meet with everyone. Jon passed out business cards with his information. If you need to contact him, please do so. Nyala and Jon would like to meet with the original governance on June 6th at 8:30 a.m. for about an hour. Katie asked if they will be interviewing for a new director. Jon said he is going to interview current staff, but it is open for reviewing. www.childrens-bureau.org and there is a site you can go to and apply for the jobs.

5. Addition of New RSC Members

There is going to be some remodeling as Part of the new HB 1001 concerning RSC members. They have given us a draft, but that is not public knowledge at this time. There might be some people this counsel would like to recommend for these positions. We will go from one FCM to two. They want an additional supervisor; currently we have on foster parent representative and the new bill is recommending two. We want to have active foster parent families to attend the meetings. It might be a good idea to approach new foster parents to serve on the council. The new bill is also adding a prosecuting attorney. It is asking for one resident less than 16 years old and less than 25 years receiving funds from services, and also a parent of a child receiving funds or services. This might be a person who has benefited from a CFTM. The existing membership remains the same. Hopefully by our next meeting we will have the PowerPoint to represent to the council.

6. Additional Business/Comments

Monday, June 2, 2008 will be the PEDS Training at Hamilton Center Child and Adolescent conference room. The training will begin at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be on your own. Parking will be available across the street behind the Dialysis Center. There will be some signs to get there. We appreciate Hamilton Center extending their conference room for this training. Pam has known Dr. Hibbard for several years and Dr. Laskey over the past few years. Dr. Hibbard is doing the speaking for us. They have both traveled the state giving testimony in court cases concerning deaths in pediatric patients. Local hospitals and physicians have not seen the injuries on a regular basis like these doctors have seen. With the "real time" process, they can consult over the phone and look at pictures and x-rays so the family doesn't have to travel to Indianapolis. If we need to

remove the child, we can do so without waiting the next day. We wish there would have been better response from medical staff in our region, but due to the short notice, most were not able to attend. Vigo County currently asks the hospitals for a 19 panel brain scan. Recently if we would not have asked for this, we could have missed serious injuries in an infant.

Stephanie Beasley-Yoder has accepted another position and today is her last day with DCS.

Pam Connelly wanted to thank Jody Horstman for assisting with the PEDS Training with such short notice.

Emily Owens has an opening for facilitator position in Wraparound. They are in the process of discussing contracts to prevent the number of acute hospitalizations and crisis planning.

Jody Horstman would like to encourage some to attend the area county town hall meetings. Clay County held one on June 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Riddell National Bank; Vigo County is conducting one on June 9, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the basement of the Vigo County Public Library; Parke County will hold their meeting on June 12, 2008 at the Parke County Courthouse beginning at 6:30 p.m. (possible change); Sullivan County is on June 16, 2008 at 5 p.m. in the Sullivan Park meeting room. They will be talking about the changes effecting services. They would like to educate how the referral service works. Any support Hamilton Center can gather would be great.

Katie Edington said she went to a meeting about the data we are receiving all the time. After these meetings they have a management meeting and that is where they get the data on monthly indicators. She was educated on where the numbers come from. The top three is the absence of repeat maltreatment, increase relative placements, and decrease time of permanency. At the next meeting Katie will be able to give more specifics.

Peggy Weber has a student scheduled in Vigo and Clay in the fall. Peggy mailed out the notices to everyone. School starts on August 20, 2008. The students can start the day school starts. Peggy said they will not be changing the learning contracts this year, but they will be doing it the next round.

Mike Baker said his unit did real well getting caught up on investigations. Hopefully there will be a small break since school is out at noon today.

Heidi Wheeler said John Turner was accepted in the IV-E Master's Program. He will be attending classes every Saturday for a few years.

Nyala said they are receiving applications for Indiana Access to Recovery and have been awful. She feels the client needs to have more recovery before the case worker signs them up for this recovery program. She has used Community Partners with some of the cases that are coming in voluntarily.

Diana Joslin said Medicaid offered to children in foster care has been notified by the State that wards will be under managed care, and the foster parent has to pick a primary service provider for the children. They don't seem to think children need mental health services.

Jon Bennett from Children's Bureau would like a business card from everyone that attended the meeting today.

Vigo County is having a picnic for the teens involved on the case load. The "Fun Committee" came up with an idea to do something with the teens. June 5, 2008 is the date from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Deming Park.

June 17, 2008 is the final day for Family Drug Court. There will be a celebration afterwards. We have four (4) graduates from Vigo County.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 25, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. in the **third** floor conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.